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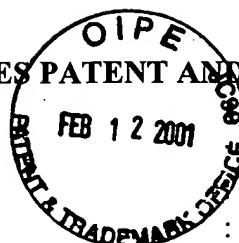
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Attorney Docket No.: 3180.0265

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TAKU UCHINO



Serial No.: 09/661,919 : Group Art Unit: 2816
Filed: September 14, 2000 : Examiner: Unknown
For: METHOD FOR ESTIMATING POWER :
CONSUMPTION AND NOISE LEVELS :
OF AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT, AND :
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING :
MEDIUM STORING A PROGRAM FOR :
ESTIMATING POWER CONSUMPTION :
AND NOISE LEVELS OF AN :
INTEGRATED CIRCUIT :

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making an appropriate notation on the attached form.

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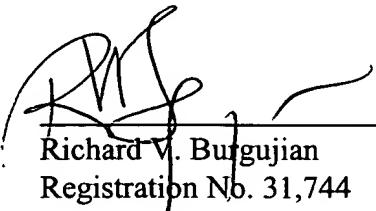
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